

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 10 as shown below.

Please add new claims 13 - 15.

1. (Previously Amended) A method for treating non-neuropathic pain comprising topically administering a composition containing 4-6% lidocaine to a patient near a pain locus in an amount sufficient to produce analgesia without causing anesthesia.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said lidocaine is applied from a transdermal patch.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said non-neuropathic pain to be treated results from a soft-tissue injury.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said soft-tissue injury is selected from the group consisting of pain associated with ligaments, tendons, muscles, bursa, sprains, strains, inflammations, contusions, arthritises, and post-surgical pains.

B1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said non-neuropathic pain is derived from one or more conditions selected from the group consisting of myofascial pains, fibromyalgia, bursitis, costochondritis, repetitive motion injuries, carpal tunnel syndrome, and nociceptive pain.

11. (Previously Amended) A method for treating non-neuropathic pain comprising the step of:

topically administering a transdermal patch containing a pharmaceutical composition consisting of 5% lidocaine as the only active ingredient, and the remainder consisting of inactive pharmaceutically acceptable materials.

12. (Previously Added) A method for treating non-neuropathic pain comprising topically administering a composition containing 4-6% lidocaine as the only active ingredient to a patient near a pain locus in an amount sufficient to produce analgesia without causing anesthesia.

13. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein said non-neuropathic pain is derived from one or more conditions selected from the group consisting of myofascial pains, fibromyalgia, bursitis, costochondritis, repetitive motion injuries, carpal tunnel syndrome, and nociceptive pain.

14. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein said non-neuropathic pain to be treated results from a soft-tissue injury.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said soft-tissue injury is selected from the group consisting of pain associated with ligaments, tendons, muscles, bursa, sprains, strains, inflammations, contusions, arthritises, and post-surgical pains.
